

**City of Moorhead  
Adjourned Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2011 at 5:30 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Adjourned Council Meeting was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on July 18, 2011, at 5:30 PM.

**Roll call of the members was made as follows:**

1st Ward Council Member:	Luther Stueland	Absent
1st Ward Council Member:	Nancy Otto	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Diane Wray Williams	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Mark Altenburg	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Dan Hunt	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Mark Hintermeyer	Present
4th Ward Council Member:	Greg Lemke	Absent
Mayor:	Mark Voxland	Present

**Adjourned City Council Meeting**

1. [Resolution to Approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc. and Related Budget Adjustment for the Riverfront Property Flood Mitigation Program, Phase 2](#)

Minutes: Bob Zimmerman, City Engineer, provided a brief overview of the project and City staff clarified the following in response to Mayor and Council questions:

- Preliminary Feasibility Analysis for a Riverfront Property Flood Mitigation Program (Phase 2) is proposed for 84 properties at a cost of \$110,400. The goal of the program would be to develop preliminary alignments to a desired protection level of 44 feet or determine the highest possible level of protection. Following analysis it would be determined which of the 84 properties should be considered feasible for mitigation projects.
- Property acquisition of 53 homes that are at a sandbag stage of 39 feet or lower is recommended. Purchase offers for 35 of these homes would be eligible through Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Flood Damage Reduction Grant funds if awarded by the State. The remaining 18 homes would need to be purchased through other means. City staff proposes to:
  - Ascertain the level of interest of property acquisition for the 18 homeowners whose properties are not eligible for DNR funding.
  - Determine how these property acquisitions could be financed with the City's financial advisor.
- It is unlikely that mitigation projects will happen with the 27 properties that are at a level of 40 ft or higher and have not yet been evaluated.
- DNR eligibility is based upon the elevation of the lowest opening of

the structure.

The Mayor and Council Members stated the following:

- Progressing with phase 2 of the program appears logical to further evaluate whether mitigation is feasible.
- Concern was noted regarding the potential cost to the City to bond for property acquisitions not eligible for DNR funding.

Motion made to Approve made by Nancy Otto and seconded by Diane Wray Williams  
**Resolution to Approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc. and Related Budget Adjustment for the Riverfront Property Flood Mitigation Program, Phase 2**

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2011-0718-1**

For: 6; Absent: 2 - Luther Stueland, Greg Lemke

Motion made to Approve made by Brenda Elmer and seconded by Dan Hunt  
**Resolution to direct staff to initiate talks with Springsted Incorporated and property owners regarding future property acquisitions**

Motion Passed: **Resolution 2011-0718-2**

For: 6; Absent: 2 - Luther Stueland, Greg Lemke

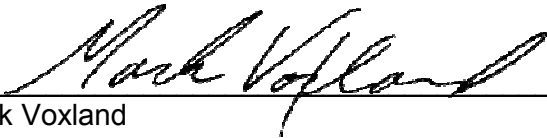
3. Citizens Addressing the Council

Minutes: Christyann Ranck, Moorhead resident, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding concerns over a vacant property following a recent fire.

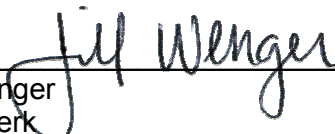
City staff will contact the property owner to ensure the property is safely secured.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
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Mark Voxland  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jill Wenger  
City Clerk

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
*Jill Wenger, City Clerk*